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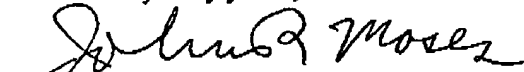
Dear Examiner Garrett:

Attached please find a copy of a draft response to the Final Office Action which we would like considered prior to at least a telephone interview. In order to make this application more quickly understandable we have attached a copy of claim 1 with reference numerals inserted to the proposed reply.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


John R. Moses

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on April 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.